

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-25. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnson et al. (U.S. 6,715,014). The rejection is respectfully traversed for the following rational.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." /Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California/, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). ... "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." /Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co./, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that Johnson fails to disclose each and every element of Independent Claims 1, 10 and 18 arranged as in the claims. As such, Applicants submit that the rejection is improper and should be reversed.

Specifically, Johnson fails to teach or suggest "a termination impedance having one end coupled to said transmission line between said dampening impedance and said branch point, as claimed. With Johnson, the termination impedance 326 is coupled after the branch point and not between, as claimed.

Embodiments of the invention locate the termination impedance between the damping impedance and the branch point to reduce reflections from the memory modules that may travel back to the driver. Johnson fails to teach or suggest this claim limitation.

For this rational, Applicants submit that Johnson fails to disclose each and every element of Independent Claims 1, 10 and 18 arranged as in the claims. As such, Applicants submit that Claims 1-25 are patentable over Johnson and request the rejection be removed.

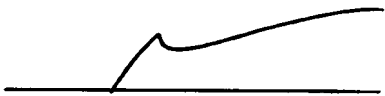
CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-25 overcome the rejections of record. For reasons discussed herein, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1-25 be considered by the Examiner. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1-25 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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